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EXDIS, GENEVA FOR AMBASSADOR CRAWFORD/COUNSELOR NIMETZ

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SUBJECT: CYPRIOT REACTIONS TO REPORTS ON LIFTING OF EMBARGO

REF: (A) NICOSIA 222, (B) NICOSIA 211, (C) NICOSIA 182

1. RE PARA 2, REF A, AMBASSADOR DIMITRIOU HAS APPOINTMENT WITH SECRETARY ON FEBRUARY 1. WE BELIEVE FORMAL USG RESPONSE TO PRESIDENT KYPRIANOU'S DEMARCHE OF JANUARY 23 SHOULD BE LEFT FOR THAT OCCASION. SHOULD GOC PERSIST IN DESIRE FOR FURTHER INDICATION OF CURRENT U.S. THINKING, YOU SHOULD STRESS THAT OUR POSITION HAS BEEN REITERATED BY DEPT SPOKESMAN JAN 24 (STATE 19472) AND THAT WE WOULD PREFER TO CONFIDENTIAL

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LEAVE ANY FURTHER STATEMENT TO THE SECRETARY.

2. WHILE WE UNDERSTAND WHY GOC MAY HAVE FELT NEED TO EXPRESS ITS CONCERNS TO US IN PRIVATE ON JANUARY 23 (REF C) WE WERE SURPRISED THAT SUBSTANCE OF PRESIDENT KYPRIANOU'S CONVERSATION WITH YOU WAS MADE KNOWN TO THE PUBLIC IN SUCH DETAIL. IN THE ENSUING PRESS TREATMENT THERE SEEMED TO BE

FURTHER MISREPRESENTATIONS AND DISTORTIONS OF OUR POSITION,
WHICH MADE THE TASK OF CLARIFICATION ALL THE MORE DIFFICULT.
IT IS OUR FIRM BELIEF THAT MATTERS SUCH AS THIS CAN BEST BE
DISCUSSED AND RESOLVED ON A CONFIDENTIAL BASIS AND WE WOULD

THEREFORE HOPE THAT SHOULD A SIMILAR NEED FOR CLARIFICATION
ARISE IN THE FUTURE THAT IT COULD BE SO HANDLED. VANCE

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